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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

FUJITA et al

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For: SHAPE MEASURING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 7, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-25 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 26-37 as follows:

--26. (New) A shape measuring device comprising a measuring head for measuring the shape of an object to be measured which is placed on a measuring stand, position detection means for detecting the position of the measuring head, and operation means for finding a three-dimensional shape of the object to be measured on the basis of outputs of the measuring head and the position detection means, characterized in that